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FM AMEMBASSY ROME  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4572  
AMEMBASSY VALLETTA

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PFOR, MT, US  
SUBJECT: MALTESE NATIONAL PARTY OVERTURE TO THIS EMBASSY, MAYBE

1. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING EMBASSY VALLETTA OR DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF EXCHANGE OF TELEPHONE CALLS BETWEEN EMBASSY AND, ALLEGEDLY, REPRESENTATIVES OF MALTA'S NATIONAL PARTY.
2. ON EVENING MAY 11 AMBASSADOR'S OFFICE RECEIVED PRESUMABLY LOCAL TELEPHONE CALL FROM AN ITALIAN-SPEAKING MALE WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS SECRETARY TO GIOVANNI MARIA CAMILLERI, MALTESE PARLIAMENTARIAN AND "PRESIDENT" OF MALTA'S NATIONALIST PARTY. HE EXPLAINED THAT CAMILLERI WAS PASSING THROUGH ROME, WISHED TO PAY HIS RESPECTS TO THE NEW AMERICAN AMBASSADOR AND FILL HIM IN ON MALTESE AFFAIRS. A RETURN TELEPHONE CALL FROM THE EMBASSY, TO A NUMBER PROVIDED BY MR. CAMILLERI'S SECRETARY, WENT TO THE JUMBO HOTEL, WHERE A MAN SPEAKING FLUENT ENGLISH IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS CAMILLERI. HE WAS INFORMED THAT THE AMBASSADOR'S SCHEDULE WAS ALREADY OVER-LADEN AND THAT A MEETING ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE WAS NOT POSSIBLE.
3. THE PRESUMED CAMILLERI SEEMED TO TAKE THE NEWS GRACIOUSLY, SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THE PROBLEM AND THAT HE WOULD PROVIDE MORE LEAD

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TIME ON HIS NEXT VISIT TO ROME. WHEN ASKED TO GIVE AT LEAST TWO WEEKS NOTICE, HE AGREED AND ADDED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO BRING ALONG DR. FENECH ADAMI, "LEADER" OF THE MALTESE NATIONALIST PARTY. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD SET UP THE FUTURE APPOINTMENT THROUGH THE MALTESE AMBASSADOR IN ROME, AN OLD FRIEND. THIS PERHAPS SOMEWHAT CONTRADICTED AN EARLIER REMARK TO THE EFFECT THAT HE HAD NOT CABLED IN ADVANCE FOR AN APPOINTMENT WITH AMBASSADOR GARDNER

ON THIS FIRST APPROACH BECAUSE HE DID NOT WISH "OTHER" IN MALTA  
TO KNOW OF IT.

4. WHILE UNUSUAL AND OUT OF CHANNELS, THE FOREGOING MAY MAKE SENSE  
TO EMBASSY VALLETTA. HOWEVER, WE NOTE FROM OUR FILES THAT ONE  
"JOE CAMILLERI, NOW DIRECTOR OF THE MALTA-BASED MEDITERRANEAN  
ANTI-POLLUTION CENTER, IS A LONG-TIME MINTOFF ASSOCIATE, HARDLY  
LIKELY TO BE ASSISTING THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION PARTY TO  
MEET THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO ITALY. IF OUR "DIUSEPPE" PURPOSTS  
TO BE MINTOFF'S "JOE" ON HIS NEXT APPEARANCE HERE, SOME INTERSING  
QUESTIONS WILL HAVE TO BE ANSWERED.

5. BEYOND THE FOREGOING, WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT' AND  
VALLETTA'S VIEWS ON WHETHER THERE WOULD BE OBJECTIONS ON THE  
U.S. PART TO A MEETING BETWEEN AMBASSADOR GARDNER AND SENIOR  
NATIONALIST PARTY OFFICIALS SHOULD A BONA FIDE REQUEST IN FACT  
MATERIALIZE. GARDNER

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